

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-31 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 being independent.

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward their representative during the personal interview of June 14, 2005. The interview focused primarily on independent Claim 1 and U.S. Patent No. 6,538,675, to Aratani.

As discussed at the interview, the independent claims as presented above have been amended to further distinguish Applicants' invention from the cited art. For example, Applicants' claimed display apparatus is capable of sending converted information to a "determined" information processing apparatus, wherein the converted information is converted from coordinate information so that it can be used by the determined information processing apparatus as coordinate information without using information indicating where a display region in which an image signal outputted by the information processing apparatus is positioned on a display screen. Claim 1 additionally includes image inputting means for inputting respective image signals from the plurality of information processing apparatuses, display controlling means for constructing on a display screen display regions in which respective images corresponding to the image signals from the plurality of information processing apparatuses are displayed, and inputting means for inputting a signal containing coordinate information corresponding to a position on the display screen. Determining means determines an information processing apparatus to which converted information is sent, based on the inputted input signal.

As discussed at the personal interview, the Aratani patent relates to a display control apparatus for controlling a multiwindow display of data input from a plurality of image sources. A display pointer controller 21 forms a packet of X and Y information of a joy stick 24

at a predetermined interval and converts the packet into an infrared signal, from which X and Y information is derived. If the X and Y information is relative coordinate values, this information is converted into absolute coordinate values which are supplied to a bus controller 8 (see column 8, lines 13-23). To establish the X and Y coordinates, Aratani uses formulas as shown, for example, in column 11, lines 47-51.

In contrast to Claim 1 of Applicants' invention, however, Aratani is not understood to teach or suggest, among other features, using converted information as coordinate information without using information indicating where the display region in which the image signal outputted by the determined information processing apparatus is positioned on the display screen.

For substantially the same reasons, Claims 6 and 11 are submitted to be patentable over Aratani.

With respect to Claim 12, a display apparatus is provided for forming display based on first and second image signals. Converted information sent to a first information processing apparatus has coordinate information which can be used in the first information processing apparatus without using information indicating where the screen based on the first image signal is positioned on the display surface, and converted information sent to the second information processing apparatus has coordinate information which can be used in the second information processing apparatus without using information indicating where the screen based on the second image signal is positioned on the display surface.

These features of Claim 12, among others, are also missing from Aratani.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, as well as those set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed January 24, 2005, it is respectfully

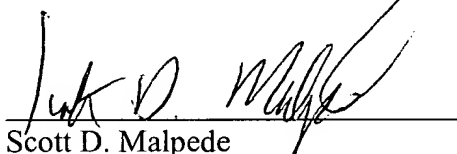
submitted that reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) in view of Aratani is now in order and such action is respectfully requested.

Therefore, it is submitted that Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 1, 6, 11 and 12 is patentable over the cited art. In addition, dependent Claims 2-4, 7-9 and 13-31 set forth additional features of Applicants' invention. Independent consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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